GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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ABANDONED MINES OF CCL
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of abandoned Central Coalfields Limited`s (CCL) mines in Jharkhand and the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether CCL is aware that local persons in connivance with its officials/ guards extract coal illegally from these mines ;

(c) if so, the quantum of coal extracted illegally every year ;

(d) the number of persons so far killed while extracting coal illegally from abandoned mines; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the CCL in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) The details of abandoned mines in CCL and the reasons.for their closure are given in Annexure.

(b)& (c) Continuous raids/checks by security personnel of CCL as well as joint raids with District Police are carried out in order to prevent illegal extraction of coal. During the year 2005-06 (upto October`05), a total of 344 raids/checks have been carried out leading to a recovery of 337.5 tonnes of coal.

(d) As per information available with CCL, five persons have been killed since February 2004, while extracting coal illegally from non-working part of mines/ abandoned mines.

(e) Police have registered cases against 2 and 4 officials of the company in Giridih and Rajrappa areas, respectively.